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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 5th, 1896.

The official members of Council had of course no choice but to vote for the first reading of the Military Contribution Bill on Thursday, but those of them who spoke upon the subject would rather have preserved their reputation as men of common sense had they remained silent. The Acting Attorney-General's aspirations on the patriotism of the unofficial members were peculiarly unfortunate. The question of patriotism does not enter into the matter at all; it is a simple case of the adjustment of accounts, to be settled with little appeal to sentiment as a disputed interest account between a banker and his customer. The proposition that the colony may justly be called upon to contribute to the cost of Imperial defence is not now in dispute; the colony is willing to contribute, and to contribute its rightful quota, but there is a dispute as to how the amount should be arrived at. When Mr. POLLOCK retires from his labours in the Far East and enjoys the privilege of paying income tax in the old country we venture to say that his patriotism will not run to the length of paying upon a higher scale than that to which he is legally liable. The position of the unofficial members with regard to the Imperial taxation levied on the income of the colony is precisely analogous, except that inasmuch as they occupy a fiduciary position it is more incumbent upon them to guard the interests of their constituents than if they were simply dealing with their own money. If the Empire were in difficulties, the treasury empty, and the raising of a patriotic fund by the generosity of Her Majesty's subjects necessary, neither the unofficial members of Council in particular nor the community of Hongkong in general would be backward in putting their hands in their pockets, but to make any appeal to patri-

otic feeling in connection with such a premium subject as the military contribution is absurd. The unofficial members claim that the colony is being called upon to pay on a higher scale than is right, and in a case in point they refer to the neighbouring colony of Singapore, and contend that this colony ought to be treated on the same basis. If any arguments could be brought forward to show that it ought to be treated on a different basis it would have been interesting to hear them, but nothing of that kind was attempted. The Hon. F. H. MAY referred to Singapore, it is true, but, put briefly, his argument was simply this, that if the colony were taxed on the same scale as Singapore it would pay less than under the scale imposed by the Bill, that if it pays less it won't pay so much, and that, therefore, the Bill should be passed. To argue of that kind, a serious reply is in the nature of the case impossible. Then the Colonial Secretary assures us that the leading members of the community desire to see the colony taxed on the higher scale. As for that we can only express an opinion that the hon. gentleman must have received an entirely wrong impression of the views communicated to him. The Governor in his opening speech did not attempt to argue the question, but contented himself with saying that he could hold out no hope that the request of the unofficial members that the contribution might be again fixed at the former figure of £40,000 would be acceded to and that he had no option therefore but to ask the Council to pass the Bill into law and so finally settle the much vexed question of the military contribution. That was really all there was to be said in favour of the Bill and it is a pity the officials attempted to add anything to it. The Bill will of course pass through its remaining stages and the result will be that Hongkong will, in proportion to its population and revenue, contribute to the cost of Imperial defence on a higher scale than any other portion of Her Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom.

The question of private communications between the Government and the unofficial members of the Legislative Council and the consideration of public questions by the unofficials in secret councils has received ventilation by a healthy though apparently rather biting breeze in the shape of a letter from the Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD to the Governor, and the discussion thereupon at Thursday's meeting of the Council. Mr. WHITEHEAD objects to having candid and dried decisions arrived at before the subjects out of which they arise come up for discussion at the open meetings of Council; and in that the hon. gentleman is quite right, speaking generally. The subject, however, is not one on which a strict rule can be laid down, for as Mr. WHITEHEAD himself admits in his letter, there may be occasions when private and confidential communications may be rightly entertained between the Government and the unofficials.

The unofficials have sometimes, for instance, been consulted as to the letting of the opium farm, and a matter of that kind could not easily be discussed otherwise than confidentially. Other cases in which it might be desirable for the Governor to seek the advice of the unofficials privately, and for the unofficials to give their advice, will readily occur to the reader. On examination it will be found that most of these cases refer to executive rather than to legislative measures, but even in regard to the latter suppositions might be cited, as, for instance, a case in which, in view of political movements in the neighbourhood, it might become necessary to pass a Bill for the safety of the colony or the preservation of the peace without a public disclosure of all the information in the possession of the Government. Such cases as these, however, may be regarded as the exceptions that prove the rule, and there can be no question that all subjects of ordinary legislation ought to be dealt with in public instead of deciding them in private and merely registering the decisions *pro forma* in public. The question of permanently imposing heavy light dues on shipping entering the port, for instance, is one that should be discussed in the fullest and most open manner, and the unofficial members would have acted more prudently if, when the matter was referred to them privately, they had suggested that the opinion of the Chamber of Commerce should be taken, instead of at once depriving themselves of all liberty of action in the matter by giving a decided opinion of their own arrived at in secret conference. The Governor says that the correspondence in this case was "perfectly public," but with all respect we venture to suggest that His Excellency can hardly have weighed the precise meaning of those words, because the Hon. Mr. KAY says that the communication was marked "confidential," and it is certain that the public did not know of the correspondence till it was published by Mr. WHITEHEAD. The Hon. Mr. KAY expressed indignation at what he termed the "leak" committed by Mr. WHITEHEAD upon his unofficial colleagues, but he also says that for himself he refused to consider as confidential the communication so marked, which in the circumstances is very creditable to him, and on the whole he appears to be in agreement with Mr. WHITEHEAD. The Hon. G. P. CHATER, the senior unofficial member, in rebuttal of the charge of secret communications, said that he had never received any communication from the Government which he had not immediately placed before his colleagues. But that is not the question. The allegation was not that the Government communicated privately with Mr. CHATER as an individual, but that it communicated privately with the unofficial members as a body, and thus forestalled the public discussion in open Council of the questions to which the communications referred. This was done with reference to the proposed reconstitution of the Sanitary Board, and according to our interpretation of the word "public" and "private," it has been done in the case of the proposal to take the present temporary scale of light dues permanent. His Excellency says, in relation to the latter question, that the correspondence was perfectly public, so public that it might have been plastered on all the walls of all the houses in Hongkong, and

for as to be concerned. But the fact remains that it was not plastered on all the walls of all the houses, but, on the contrary, Mr. Ho KAY says that when the unofficial members met to consider the communication addressed to the senior unofficial member, it was at once explained to them that the envelope was marked "confidential." We would not be disposed to lay much stress on that, because it might have been so marked by a clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office as a matter of routine and without special instructions; but it would certainly have been better if the Government had addressed its inquiries on the subject of light dues to the Chamber of Commerce and left the unofficial members free to discuss it, when it came on in open Council, without having their bound down by a declaration of opinion obtained from them beforehand.

The German cruiser Kaiser, arrived from Amoy yesterday.

The steamer Glenlogie, from New York and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Thursday morning.

The Imperial German Mail steamer Sachsen left Shanghai yesterday at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on Monday morning, the 9th inst.

The P. M. steamer City of Peking, with mail, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai on the 1st inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Orestes, from Liverpool, left Singapore on Thursday afternoon, and may be expected here on or about 9th inst.

The British North Borneo Government has, by proclamation, warned persons against assisting or abetting naval or military expeditions in aid of the rebels in the Philippines.

We hear that at a private meeting held at Government House yesterday it was decided to petition the Governor on the 25th inst. The various subcommittees were appointed and the necessary arrangements set in train.

The P. M. steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, with mail, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai on the 1st inst.

The Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programmes in the Officers' Garden to-morrow evening at nine o'clock:—Overture, "Die Meistersinger"; Weber, "Auld Sir John"; Grieg, "Air and Dance"; Schumann, "Selection"; and "Carnegie" (Ballet).

The Agent of the M.M. Co. informs us that the *Sagittaria* has not been at the 12th of the alms, via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port, morning, via Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

To-morrow morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch *Daywing*, carrying the Bethel flag, will call alongside any vessel waiting to receive the Governor, and will convey him to the 11 a.m. service of the P. M. S. (Steamer's) Church, returning about 12.30.

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The Secretary of the Pungion Mining Co. Limited, advises us that he has received the following telegram giving the result of the 25th inst. of the Pungion Mining Co. Limited:—The mill ran 26 days, crushing 115,000 tons yielding 530 tons of smelted gold, forty-five tons of concentrates and yielding 77 tons of smelted gold.

The Echo de Tonkin says:—The appointment is announced of Mr. Wehring to the management of the Shanghai branch of the Chinese Bank. Mr. Wehring, who formerly resided in Indo-China as a correspondent of the *Temps*, has latterly been on the staff of the *Economiste Europeen*. This appointment is a promotion, and is a mark of the great esteem in which Mr. Wehring is held by the Chinese.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Union Church on Thursday night, when a social meeting was held. Light refreshments were served and a most successful concert was then given. Mr. G. Grimble, who accompanied the vocalists were Mr. Midford, Mr. H. H. Duns (Crown Solicitor), appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. H. K. KAY, instructed by Mr. Motney, defended. The special jury consisted of Messrs. F. D. Pollock, J. S. Van Buren, G. C. Anderson, R. C. Wilson, J. B. Heemster, and J. G. Smith. After hearing part of the evidence for the prosecution the case was adjourned.

The two men charged with piracy and murder near Green Island were put on their trial at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. Hon. H. E. Pollock presiding. The accused were Mr. J. D. Pollock, and Mr. H. H. Duns (Crown Solicitor), appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. H. K. KAY, instructed by Mr. Motney, defended. The special jury consisted of Messrs. F. D. Pollock, J. S. Van Buren, G. C. Anderson, R. C. Wilson, J. B. Heemster, and J. G. Smith. After hearing part of the evidence for the prosecution the case was adjourned.

A cricket match will be played to-day, beginning at 11 a.m. sharp, between the H.K.C.C. and the C.R.C. The following are the teams:—

M. D. Wood, XIVth; Dr. Robinson; Mr. H. H. Duns; Mr. J. S. Van Buren; Mr. G. C. Anderson; Mr. R. C. Wilson; Mr. J. B. Heemster; Mr. J. G. Smith.

The following are the orders of the day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Monday at 3 p.m.:—

Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 5.)
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THE CHARGE AGAINST MCKINLEY.

STANDARDS BY THE AGONY.
At the Police Court yesterday afternoon, before Hon. Commissioner W. C. H. Hastings, Charles McKinley was brought up on remand charged with the forgery of a letter.

Hastings approved for the prosecution, and Mr. E. Robinson (instructed by Mr. Motney) defended.

His Worship (to Mr. Robinson)—I understand you have your witness here?

Mr. Robinson—No, I do not know what your Worship thinks Mr. McKinley, who is an employ in Messrs. Watson & Co. and the witness who is called, has been travelling in Japan and he came to Hongkong this morning but passed on to Manila without the police for the defence because of his arrest. I am instructed to leave Hongkong yesterday.

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REGATTA NOTES.

As training for the annual regatta is now drawing to a close, I will endeavour to set out, in a few lines, the results of the regatta.

Training commenced in the middle of October, and the regatta was held on the 1st and 2nd inst.

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THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE NEW DIRECTORS.
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THE TAIPEINGHAN IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE TAIPEINGHAN IMPROVEMENT WORKS WAS Laid before the Legislative Council on Thursday—

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE
(Fiorio and Molinari United Companies)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE
THE Steamship

Having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, Wharfedale, whence delivery may be obtained. Particulars of Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the office of the Godowns before Noon on the 14th December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any goods remaining in the Godowns after the 14th December will be subject to loss.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by CARLTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1896. [6]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE

THE Company's Steamship

"PAIKING"

Having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, Wharfedale, whence delivery may be obtained.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any goods remaining in the Godowns after the 14th December will be subject to loss.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1896. [2715]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"ROHILLA"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND SINGAPORE

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

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"SUNDA"

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH

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Passengers to Europe may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table, Dinning and Stewardess carried.

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Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration)

TACOMA Tuesday Dec. 8

VICTORIA Tuesday Jan. 19

OLYMPIA Tuesday Feb. 9

BAHAMA Tuesday Mar. 2

TACOMA Tuesday Mar. 2

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Captain T. A. Wheeler, R.N.R., calling at noon

on TUESDAY, the 8th December, will proceed

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